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Title: METHOD OF USING COX-2 INHIBITORS IN THE TREATMENT
AND PREVENTION OF OCULAR COX-2 MEDIATED DISORDERS

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, the Shortened Statutory Period for Response for which was set to expire on December 9, 2002. A three-month extension of time to Sunday, March 9, 2002 is hereby requested. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, the period of pendency shall be extended to the next succeeding secular or business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. Therefore, this response is timely filed. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39 stand ready for allowance.